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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is responsive to the Final Office Action issued on January 19, 2007. A shortened statutory period for reply to this Final Office Action is set to expire on April 19, 2007. A petition for THREE-MONTH extension of time is submitted herewith, thereby extending the expiration date to July 19, 2007. Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks. A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 is concurrently submitted.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees, including any extension and/or excess claim fees, any additional fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 12-1295.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.